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1. In Haewol-myon (126-21, 37-54) (BS 6798), from the villages of Pyongan-ni (126-24, 37-55) (BS 7199), Yongbong-ni (126-22, 37-54) (BS 6898), Munsan-dong (126-22, 37-55) (BS 6999), Haewol, Munsan-ni (126-19, 37-54) (BS 6498), Hwangsong-ni (126-18, 37-53) (BS 6396), Unsan (126-18, 37-54) (BS 6398), Songgye-ni (126-18, 37-55) (BT 6300), and Tshyon-ni, taxes in kind approximately 25 percent of the total production of certain grains, were to be collected in mid-July 1951. Estimated acreage and production of the various grains in these villages were as follows:

Wheat: 1298 tan¹, 128,825 kilograms.
 Rye : 150 tan, 12,944 kilograms.
 Barley: 428 tan, 40,744 kilograms.
 Paddy field barley: 1165 tan, 65,003 kilograms.

Total production of these grains, excluding that of paddy field barley, was 182,513 kilograms, of which 42,784 kilograms were to be collected in taxes in kind; no tax in kind was placed upon the production of paddy field barley. Farmers in Haewol-myon were required to pay no other taxes.

2. [redacted] by 18 July, 4,067 persons had been evacuated from the four villages of Pyongan-ni, Yongbong-ni, Haewol-ni, and Hwangsong-ni, of the 1,174 households in those villages. Those evacuated included 1,304 laborers, half of them female, and 2,733 non-laborers, of whom about two-thirds were female, and 90 patients.² The laborers were sent to Unsan-ni, Hwangsong-ni, Munsan-ni, and Munsan-ni, and were permitted to take with them 484 small mal³ and 41 straw bags³ of various grains including rice, wheat, barley, and millet.

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3. [redacted] one of the work assignments for the period from 20 to 30 July was the distribution of 10 sheets of propaganda to every household in Haewol-myon and the giving of at least three lectures and one speech in each village. [redacted] in early July, 12 mass meetings had been held in the four villages of Pyongan-ni, Yongbong-ni, Haewol-ni, and Hwangsong-ni, directed by 38 speakers and attended by 929 persons.

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4. About 20 May 1951 an extra collection of funds for the purchase of one airplane was made in Haewol-myon. Residents were permitted to contribute either rice or money, the contributions being voluntary; and 3,000,000 North Korean won in cash and rice were collected in the myon. Other myon people's committees conducted similar campaigns; and where the donations were not satisfactory, forcible collection of the necessary funds was carried out.

- 25X1 1 ☐ Comment. A tan is about one-quarter of an acre.
- 25X1 2 ☐ Comment. This would seem to contradict previous reports of widespread disease in the area.
- 25X1 3 ☐ Comment. A small mal is about 15 pounds of rice or barley. No indication of the capacity of the straw bags was given, but they probably hold about 30 pounds of grain.

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